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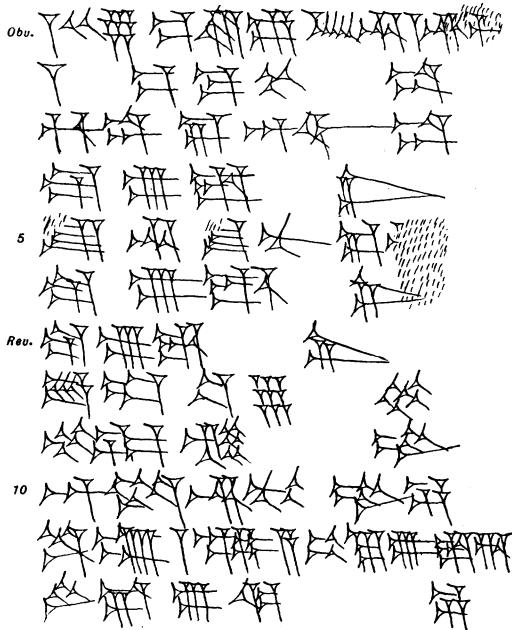
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BRIEF NOTES

A new king of Babylonia

A small temple document, in the possession of Mr. C. C. Garbett, of London, furnishes us with the name of a new king, presumably of Babylonia. It is from the archives of the Temple of Nergal, in Udani. The writer knows of no other occurrence of this place-name in cuneiform literature. The provenance of the tablet is unknown. The name of the king, Marduk-bêl-zêr, is also unknown. The general character of the tablet resembles some of those belonging to the ninth and eighth centuries B. C., which



have been published by the writer in *Babylonian Records in the Library of J. P. Morgan*, Part I. It is not improbable that Marduk-bêl-zêr is one of the missing rulers of that period. The tablet reads:

88 *shaggullu*, including 1 . . . , and 1 *mashaddu*, the Temple of Nergal of Udani intrusts to Bêlshunu of the Temple of Nergal of Udani. (It is dated) Udani, 9th day of Tebet, of the accession year of Marduk-bêl-zêr, the king. Scribe: Nabû-abi-lûdâri, (who was the) officer of utensils.

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